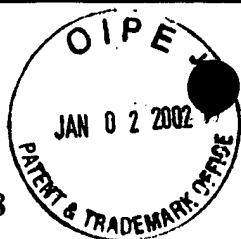


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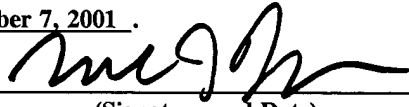
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (A)

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title of this application to DRY DISTILLATION AND VOLUME
REDUCTION APPARATUS FOR WASTE.